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Letter dated 14 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement concerning Security Council resolution 1441 (2002) on Iraq, issued on 14 November 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement concerning Security Council resolution 1441 (2002) on Iraq, issued on 14 November 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the adoption of Security Council resolution 1441 (2002) of 8 November 2002 and the fact that the resolution was passed unanimously. With the passing of the new resolution, the Security Council has asserted its role and responsibility in maintaining international peace and security.

The resolution is an important step towards the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The European Union urges Iraq to accept immediately Security Council resolution 1441 (2002) and to comply unconditionally with all the provisions of the resolution. This is Iraq's last opportunity to fulfil its disarmament obligations. The European Union urges Iraq to extend full cooperation to the weapons inspectors and to secure immediate, unimpeded and unrestricted access for the weapons inspectors to all areas and facilities in Iraq.

The European Union expresses its full confidence in and support for Dr. Hans Blix of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission and Dr. El Baradei of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the performance of their duties.

The European Union also expresses its support for the Security Council in its continued handling of this matter.